

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image forming unit having an image bearing member and which is
capable of being detachably attached to a main body of said image forming apparatus;
an intermediate transfer member disposed at an upper position relative to
said image forming unit, and to which the image on said image bearing member is
transferred;
recording material conveying means for conveying a recording material
along a conveyance route;
transfer means for transferring the image on said intermediate transfer
member onto the recording material conveyed by said recording material conveying means;
~~a guide member guiding attaching and detaching of said image forming unit
to and from the main body of said image forming apparatus;~~
a first openable portion which is disposed on a side surface of the main body
and is openable to expose the conveyance route; ~~and~~
a second openable portion which is disposed on an upper face of the main
body, ~~and is openable with respect to the main body~~ independently from said first
openable portion, and holds said intermediate transfer member; and

~~said first openable portion holds said transfer means, and said image forming unit can be detachably attached with said guide member through an opening formed by movement of said second openable portion in a state that said first openable portion is closed.~~

a guide member which guides said image forming unit inserted from an upper portion of said image forming apparatus through an opening of the upper portion of said image forming apparatus formed by opening said second openable portion.

2. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first openable portion is openable around a first rotary shaft as a center, wherein said second openable portion is openable around a second rotary shaft as a center, and wherein the first rotary shaft and the second rotary shaft are disposed as to extend substantially parallel to a recording material conveyance surface and substantially perpendicular to a conveyance direction of the recording material.

3. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first rotary shaft and the second rotary shaft are disposed at positions such that said first openable portion and said second openable portion are moved away from each other when opened.

4. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate transfer member and said second openable portion are structured in a united body.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

6. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image forming unit is detachable in a vertical direction toward an installation side of said image forming apparatus.

7. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transfer means comprises a transfer member in contact with said intermediate transfer member, and wherein said transfer member is held by said first openable portion.

8. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording material conveying means comprises at least a pair of roller members, wherein one roller member is held by the main body, and wherein the other roller member is held by said first openable portion.

9. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising fixing means held by said first openable portion for fixing the image transferred from said intermediate transfer member to the recording material.

10. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising fixing means held by said second openable portion for fixing the image transferred from said intermediate transfer member to the recording material.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).